

REMARKS

In an Office Action mailed March 30, 2009, claims 1-17 were indicated as being subject to an election/restriction requirement as being directed to more than one species of the generic invention. Claims 1, 11 and 17 were indicated as being generic. The species were described as follows:

Species A directed to **FIGS. 1-7** and claims 2 and 5, (includes a sliding block);

Species B directed to **FIGS. 8-13** and claims 3-4, (includes a telescopic arm);

Species C directed to **FIGS. 14-20** and claim 6, (includes an additional channel);

Species D directed to **FIGS. 21-26** and claim 7, (includes a slot and a pin);

Species E directed to **FIGS. 27-34** and claims 8-10, (includes a pivot arm and ball joints); and

Species F directed to **FIGS. 35-41** and claims 12-16, (includes a non-linear guide rail, holding arm and pinion).

Applicant herein traverses the restriction requirement noted above. However, to be fully responsive, Applicant elects Species A. Claims 1, 2, 11, 17 remain pending. Claims 3-6 have been cancelled. Claims 7-10 and 12-16 have been withdrawn. New claims 18-20 have been added.

Accordingly, it is submitted that claims 1 and 17 have been amended to disclose a species including an arm movable relative to the guide channel and connected slidably in its longitudinal direction to the movable connection point and fastened by a non-pivoting connection to the apparatus. New claim 18 depends from amended claim 1 and details additional features of the movable arm. New claim 19 depends from amended claim 1 and new claim 20 depends from claim 19 and describes a different set of features for the movable arm. Withdrawn claims 7-8 and 12-16 disclose an arm which is pivotably connected to the apparatus.

Claim 1 has been amended as follows. Claim 1 now recites that the system comprises “a linear guide channel.” Support for the linear guide channel may be found at paragraph [0015] which recites “[t]he strictly linear channel provides for precise straight-line guidance of the energy guide chain.” The element of the guide channel was already present in original claim 1.

Claim 1 has also been amended to recite that the system is “characterized in that the entrainment portion has an arm which projects transversely over the guide channel with a fastening side for connection to an apparatus which is movable relative to the fixed connection point, the arm movable relative to the guide channel and connected slidably in its longitudinal direction to the movable connection point and fastened by a non-pivoting connection to said apparatus and wherein the spacing between the fastening side of said arm and the energy guide chain is variable in a travel component in transverse relationship with the longitudinal direction of the runs of the energy guide chain”.

Support may be found at paragraph [0066] which recites in part “[t]he entrainment portion 7 has a movable arm 12 which projects from the guide channel 8 with a fastening side 13 for connection to a sliding door which is movable relative to the guide channel 8, wherein the spacing between the fastening side 13 and the guide channel 8 is variable in a travel component in transverse relationship with the longitudinal direction of the guide channel 8.” **FIG. 1** shows the door 14 in a closed position with the arm 12 projecting transversely from the channel 8 as well as from the door 14. **FIG. 30** illustrates this same relationship with the door 14 in an open position. The arm has a fastening side 13 which is shown in **FIGS. 1 and 2 vs. 30 and 31** (door closed vs. open), **FIGS. 8 vs. 11** (door closed vs. open), **FIGS. 14 and 15 vs. 17 and 18** (door closed vs. open), **FIGS. 21 and 22 vs. 24 and 25** (door closed vs. open) as being always normal to the door and non-pivoting. In contrast, **FIGS. 4, 5, 27, 28, 34, 35, 36, 38 and 39** all illustrate a pivotable connection between the door and channel. Support for “connected slidably in its longitudinal direction to the movable connection point” may be found in original claim 5 and paragraph [0067] which recites “[i]n **FIGS. 1 to 3 and in FIGS. 30 to 33** the movable arm 12 is in the form of a sliding arm 16 which is connected displaceably in its longitudinal direction to the movable connection point 6. Accordingly, no new matter has been entered.

Similar changes have been made to claim 17.

The Examiner may therefore first notice that new claim 18 has been added, which was originally claim 6. New claim 18 now depends from claim 1. This claim adds the feature that the slidable arm has a slot and a pin. It is believed that the recitation that the

slidable arm of claim 1 has a slot and pin and that the pin is connected to the movable connection point does not trigger a further species restriction.

The Examiner may also notice new claims 19-20. These were originally claims 3-4. Claims 19-20 now recite that the arm that is connected slidable movable connection point is a telescopic arm. Again, it is believed that such a dependent claim now depending upon amended claim 1 does not trigger a further species restriction.

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